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CONTRACT FOR FLUME GOES TO ATLANTA FIRM

Piedmont Construction Company Secures Award, Price Being \$56,000.

LIMIT, 250 WORKING DAYS

Water Committee Approves Plan, Sending It On to City Council.

From a competition in which sixteen bidders took part, each submitting a number of designs, the Council Committee on Water yesterday afternoon, on recommendation of a board of engineers, forwarded to the Common Council for approval a contract with the Piedmont Construction Company, of Atlanta, Ga., for a fifty-four-inch interior diameter circular reinforced concrete conduit, to rest on the present base. The contract price is \$56,000, the new flume having an estimated delivery of 4,000,000 gallons each twenty-four hours. Chairman Mills will endeavor to have the award approved under suspension of the rules at the special meeting of the Council to-morrow night.

Adopt Report of Engineers.
The plans and bids have been in the hands of a board of engineers for the past week, the board consisting of City Engineer Bolling, Superintendent of the Water Works Davis, Building Inspector Back and Consulting Engineer J. A. Johnston.

This board has heard each bidder in turn explain his offer, and has made inquiry as to the relative standing and experience of the various bidders, making its final report yesterday morning to a subcommittee, which merely transmitted the report to the Water Committee in the afternoon. Immediately after the reading of the report the committee went into executive session, and for more than an hour discussed the award with the engineers, while the various bidders grouped themselves about the corridors of the City Hall, discussing the outcome. G. W. Lambert, one of the bidders, was disposed to protest the award, and was told that he could file a protest with Council.

Council Garber, of the committee, asked a number of questions in regard to the Burgwyn proposition, the engineers having rejected all percentage offers. The recommendation of the award as set forth by the engineers was made on motion of Alderman Grundy. The vote in the committee was not given out.

The engineers, in an extended report, go into an elaborate study of the growth of population in Richmond since 1870, based on Board of Health records, coming to the conclusion that with the same rate of increase the population of the city within twenty-five years will reach 160,000. After further estimates as to the probable daily consumption of water, the report goes on to say that it is the pronounced opinion of the engineers that no patchwork on the present flume should be attempted, nor should any installation be adopted that contemplates hurriedly the methods of construction. This threw out the bids of six of the contractors—W. F. Brenner, Phillips & Allport, Maynard & Ford, G. W. Lambert, McCay Engineering Company and Javi Perkins.

The engineers next eliminated from consideration all percentage offers, throwing out under this head the plan of C. P. E. Burgwyn and of the Atlantic Dredging Company. Other bids were then taken up in turn and rejected, one because it proposed work inside the present conduit deemed to be difficult of perfect execution, and a number of others either because they were too high or not of sufficient capacity to be considered.

In the end but two offers remained for consideration, the winning award of the Piedmont Construction Company and the offer of Stamper Brothers & Ragland, for a wood lining to the present conduit, with reinforced concrete elbows, with a delivery of 3,000,000 gallons a day, for \$48,500.

250 working days for construction be eliminated; that bond be required for fulfillment of the contract price, that before a contract is signed a representative of the company and of the city shall prepare full detail plans and specifications, mentioning certain classes not included in any of the proposals, such as iron gratings on the top of the flume, and that at all points where new concrete joins that already set, that the city employ a representative to be present on the work, with authority of supervising engineer, who will have experience and authority to enable him to give directions regarding the work; that such representative of the city shall make daily reports to the Water Committee or such officer as may direct the progress of the work, the amount of cement arriving daily, date of test by some reputable testing laboratory, with such other reports to the Water Committee and the proper officials as he may deem advisable; that before any of the required tests of sections of the conduit are made, notice of the time shall be furnished the Committee on Water.

Payments are only to be made after the successful test of the various sections of the conduit being made for material on the ground.

ACCA TEMPLE

Big Ceremonial Session Called for Thursday Night.
Acqua Temple, Myrtle Shrine, has been called together by illustrious Potentate Thomas B. McAdams to hold a ceremonial session Thursday night for the benefit of "The House of the Seven Gables." Past Imperial Potentate Harrison Bengtson will visit Acqua Temple officially at this time. He will be accompanied by Noble Louis A. Dent, potentate of Almas Temple. The traditional banquet will be served promptly at 7:30 o'clock.

AUTOMOBILE PARADE

State Auto Association Will Have Big Turn Out of Machines To-Day.
A big automobile parade will be held in Richmond at 4 o'clock this afternoon by the Virginia State Automobile Association. The parade will start from the Richmond Hotel, and after traversing several of the principal streets of the city it will continue into the county, providing the weather conditions are favorable. The association will have two hundred machines in line, and the owners of private cars are invited to participate.

The State Auto Association will hold its annual meeting at the Richmond Hotel at 8 o'clock to-night. The business session will be followed by a banquet.

Judge Nathan Goff Leaves.
Judge Nathan Goff, of Charleston, W. Va., who has been attending the United States Circuit Court of Appeals here yesterday for his home. His health is said to be the cause of his leaving. Circuit Judge Pritchard and Judge Boyd, who are conducting the business of the court.

GOVERNOR WILL WELCOME FLEET

Will Officially Represent Virginia When Battleships Return to Hampton Roads.

Governor Swanson will officially welcome on behalf of Virginia the sixteen battleships of the Atlantic fleet which will return to Hampton Roads on February 22 from the cruise around the world.

The Governor will make the trip to Old Point by rail, but will probably witness the arrival of the ships from the deck of the Commodore Maury, the flag ship of the Virginia oyster navy. He may be accompanied by his staff officers, but that will not be definitely determined until the official program of the day is given out.

TALKED TO SON BEFORE HE DIED

George C. Smith, of Hanover, Lived for More Than a Week With Broken Back.

CONSCIOUS UNTIL THE END

Issued Statement for Newspapers, Telling of Details of the Fatal Accident.

George Chesterman Smith, sixty-three years old, of Atlee, Hanover county, died last night at 8:40 o'clock in the Memorial Hospital from the effects of injuries received January 29, when his back was broken in a fall from a stable loft. Mr. Smith was conscious until a few minutes before his death, and earlier in the day made the request that the newspapers be given an accurate account of the accident.

His statement is that at 6:30 o'clock on the morning of January 29 he went to the stable to feed his horse. He went into the loft, hung a lamp on a nail and gathered up an armful of hay. "I turned to carry my load down stairs," he told his son-in-law, Raymond R. Richardson, of Norfolk, "when I lost my balance and fell through the hatchway. I must have been unconscious for a few minutes.

"In attempting to rise I suffered agony, and I knew at once that my back was broken. I tried in vain to call for assistance. "I was his constant to go to his stable each morning, and consequently his absence was not noticed until after breakfast. A telephone message was sent for an ambulance. Before the vehicle arrived arrangements had been made to have the train stopped, and the injured man was carried through quarters of a mile to be brought to Richmond. An operation was performed soon after he reached this city at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Mr. Smith rallied after the operation, although it was known that death was certain, nevertheless doctors hoped to prolong life for several months. The patient's condition became such that he was able to see members of his immediate family. He was perfectly conscious at all times, and spoke encouragingly to those around his bedside. He had the train stopped yesterday that the end was near.

His Son at Bedside.
That the patient should have survived for more than a week was regarded as a remarkable feat by the physicians at the hospital. After death an examination showed that the wound had healed, and that there was scarcely no abrasion of the skin to show the wound. Mr. Smith had been a remarkably healthy man, and had not been ill for more than a few days.

Walter F. Smith, of this city, was the only person at the bedside when the patient died. Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Raymon R. Richardson, of Norfolk, and G. Oscar Smith, of Atlee, were in the city, and were at the hospital a few minutes after their father's death. The funeral will take place to-morrow, and interment will be made in Hollywood Cemetery.

PRICES ARE EXCESSIVE

Committee on Annexed Territory Rejects Award of Court Commissioners.

City Attorney Pollard reported to the Committee on Appropriation of Funds in the Annexed Territory last night the result of condemnation proceedings for the widening of the Hermitage Road to a uniform width of sixty-six feet, the damage being placed by the commissioners appointed by the Hastings Court at \$21,856.40. As this exceeded the total fund to the credit of the "annexed territory," the report was sent to the Council for reference to the Street Committee. Members did not hesitate to express the belief that the awards were excessive.

In the case of condemnation proceedings for the opening of Allison Street from Brook to Clay, the commissioners reported damages amounting to \$9,250, recommending that the plan to open this street be abandoned. The commissioners reported that where large tracts of open country had been opened by new streets it had been the custom of property owners to donate the land. The committee rejected the award and will let the improvement wait until property owners are more reasonable in their demands.

"ONTORICHMOND," CRY OF DELEGATES

Good Roads Advocates from All Sections of Virginia Coming Here To-Morrow.

TO PERFECT ORGANIZATION

Instructive Speeches Will Be Made by Road Experts of Two States.

"On to Richmond" is the cry of good roads advocates in every section of Virginia, and, when State Senator Charles T. Laster calls the good roads convention to order in the Jefferson Hotel auditorium at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, it is expected that nearly 1,000 delegates will be on hand. These will include State, county and town officials, business men and farmers, and each will have a common point in view—the upbuilding of a network of highways throughout the Old Dominion.

Interest in this movement has reached a point never before attained, and it is expected that the organization that will be perfected to-morrow. During the two-days' meeting speeches will be made by road experts, and the delegates will leave Richmond Thursday night imbued with a greater knowledge of the necessity of good roads and a greater enthusiasm and interest in the movement.

The address of Major Logan W. Page, Director of Public Roads of the United States, is expected to prove of special interest. He has made a life study of the road question, and perhaps is the best posted expert on the subject in the United States. Governor Swanson, State Highway Commissioner Wilson, State Senator Laster, Major E. B. Morgan, Otto Evans, of Amherst county, and Major W. W. Crosby, chief engineer of the Maryland Geological Survey, will deliver addresses on good roads, how they can be secured, the best material to be used in their construction, and their value both to the cities and the counties.

LABOR MEN SPEAK

Officers of Machinists' Order Discuss All Phases of Union Benefits.

Representatives of every labor union in the city assembled at the meeting which will be held at the Smith Hall to hear addresses by James O'Connell, president of the International Association of Machinists, and Frank J. Hollister, of Toledo, O., attorney for the organization. They are making a three weeks' tour of the Southern States. Mr. Hollister spoke along the general lines of the work being accomplished by organized labor, while Mr. O'Connell confined his remarks to the use of the individual in attempting to compete with the union laborer.

There were about 200 machinists and craftsmen present at the meeting, which was presided over by James A. Greener, and which was held under the auspices of Richmond Lodge, No. 19, International Association of Machinists. The speakers discussed at length the benefits and faults of the strike, boycott and the child labor system, and the general lines of the work being accomplished by organizations in order to battle successfully against capital.

ARRESTED AT SIXTY YEARS

Martha Myers (colored), Charged With Having Stolen \$400 from Annie Cepha.

Martha Myers, a negro woman sixty years old, was arrested yesterday by Sergeant Gibson and Policeman Wiley on a warrant charging her with having stolen \$400 from Annie Cepha.

William Stannard (colored) was arrested by Sergeant Swann and Policeman Gibson on a charge of selling cocaine. Then Officer Gentry went out with Sergeant Gibson and arrested Lily Hubbard (colored) on a charge of selling intoxicants without a license.

Dr. Dunaway in Hospital.

The Rev. William F. Dunaway, D. D., of Lancaster county, was operated on at the Memorial Hospital yesterday by Dr. Lewis C. Hooper. Though the operation was delicate and rather dangerous, it was entirely successful, and at a late hour last night the patient was doing excellently.

To Succeed Miss Venable.

Miss Cicelya Major, a graduate of the Memorial Hospital, has been appointed to succeed Miss Venable as the hostess of the hospital during the illness of Miss Margaret L. Venable, who was operated on for appendicitis several days ago.

MOST SCENE ALL DEMANDS BY HALF

Applications to Finance Committee More Than Double Annual Revenue.

BOND ISSUE WILL MEET IT

Actual Running Expenses Almost Equal Total Limit of Budget.

City departments have forwarded to the Council Committee on Finance a budget of needs for the ensuing year, amounting in the aggregate to \$5,000,000. City Auditor Warren came before the committee yesterday afternoon and discussed the probable receipts from all sources which could be counted on in making the annual appropriation ordinance. He confirmed the view of Chairman Pollard that the total of appropriations for all purposes should not greatly exceed \$2,500,000, making it necessary to scale the demands of the various departments about 65 per cent. if the city is to live within its means.

City Accountant Crenshaw has prepared a skeleton of the budget in which he has provided for pay rolls and salaries and all other fixed charges against the city, such as interest on bonds and the annual provision for the sinking fund and the amount provided by State law and city ordinance for the maintenance of schools, Fire Department, Police and Health, and amounts which will be required to be included in this budget, such as the Blues' Army and the provision for playgrounds.

About Half a Million Left.
In addition to this, the committee must necessarily make the annual provision for street repairs and street cleaning; for the maintenance of the Water Works and the Gas Works; for the parks and public buildings, and the city's charities. Summing it all up after the meeting yesterday, Chairman Pollard said the total of the annual charges would only have from \$500,000 to \$600,000, leaving a surplus of \$4,400,000 to \$4,500,000.

The situation has been somewhat relieved by the proposal of Chairman Pollard to issue \$250,000 of school bonds to complete the High School building and the construction of the new additions. The situation has been somewhat relieved by the proposal of Chairman Pollard to issue \$250,000 of school bonds to complete the High School building and the construction of the new additions.

The proposal now pending in the Street Committee for an issue of sewer bonds both for the city and the annexed territory will also tend to relieve the most pressing demands and possibly save the city from heavy damage by the proposed bond issue.

The budget when completed will be submitted to a special meeting of the Council to be held on Wednesday at the table three days, as required, before coming up for adoption at the March meeting of the committee.

MEET MISS M'ORKLE

Y. W. C. A. Board Promises Heartily Support to New Movement.

The first board meeting since the arrival of the new general secretary, Miss Constance M. McKim, was held in the rooms of Woman's Christian Association, with the president, Mrs. A. Beirne Blair presiding.

The first transaction of routine business Mrs. C. P. Walford made a motion that members of the board be asked to contribute to the support of Miss McCorkle in the work to be at once inaugurated by her in this community.

No motion was unanimously adopted, a heartiness and enthusiasm being displayed that was naturally most gratifying to Miss McCorkle.

The work of forming new committees was begun yesterday. Miss McCorkle will have her office and business headquarters at the Woman's Christian Association Building. Her home, outside of business hours, will be with Mrs. Charles Selden, of 315 East Franklin Street.

The formation of the nucleus for a library and the arrangement and building of the new building to support the work of the association will be objects upon which Miss McCorkle will expend her time and energy as soon as she has accomplished what she desires in the way of making the acquaintance of the young people of the city.

Marriage License.

A marriage license was granted yesterday in the Hastings Court to Robert A. Ellett and Marie B. East. The wedding is scheduled to take place to-day.

Docket Called.

The February term of the Law and Equity Court opened yesterday, the docket being called and cases set for the term in the presence of a large attendance of the bar of the city.

Encouraging Reports Show Work of Ex-Prisoners' Aid Society of Virginia.

The annual meeting of the Ex-Prisoners' Aid Society of Virginia was held last night at the Hotel Richmond. Charles E. Rutzler presiding. Reports were presented by Burnett Lewis, president; Rev. G. F. Williams, superintendent; and B. Williams, secretary and treasurer.

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POETS NOT LONG-HAIRED MEN NOR SHORT-HAIRED WOMEN

Dr. C. Alphonso Smith, of University of North Carolina, Tells Woman's Club That It Is Serious Mistake to Regard Them as Such—Eloquent Tribute to South.

Speaking on "The Ministry of Poetry" at Woman's Club yesterday, Dr. C. Alphonso Smith, of the University of North Carolina, declared that it was a serious mistake to think of poets as being either long-haired men or short-haired women. His subject was treated from a threefold standpoint: the ministry of revelation, expression and restitution. There was a large audience, representing the literary element. Dr. Smith said:

It is a serious mistake, but one significant of the times, to regard poetry as a mere diversion or pastime, and to think of poets as being either long-haired men or short-haired women. "The great need in modern culture," says Mr. Morley, "which is scientific in method, rationalistic in spirit, and utilitarian in purpose, is to find some effective agency for cherishing and representing the literary element. Dr. Smith said:

No Definition for Poetry.
I shall not attempt to define poetry, for it has never been and never will be adequately defined. But its ministry is twofold:

(1) It is first the ministry of revelation. Seventy-four years before Newton announced the law of gravitation Shakespeare wrote in his "Troilus and Cressida" (4:2):
"But the strong base and building of my love is as a very centre of the earth. Drawing all things to it."

The great poets live in advance of their times. They reveal truth afar off. "The grandest discoveries of science," says Tyndale, "have been made when she has left the region of the seen and the known, and followed the imagination of the unseen."

In these unseen regions, whether of scientific truth or of moral law, the poets have been the torch-bearers, the discoverers, the revealers.

(2) The second ministry of poetry is the ministry of expression. Even when the poet does not reveal new truth, he is none the less poetical if he gives adequate expression to old truths. In this sense the poet is merely the spokesman. He puts into satisfying words what all have felt, but what no one could express. There is no one in this audience who has not known the burden of the inexpressible, the pain of the incommunicable. Says Shakespeare ("Macbeth" 4:3):
"Give sorrow words; the grief that does not speak, Whence comes the air-brought heart and bids it break."

Man a Break of Songs.
Poetry is the escaping steam by which an explosion is prevented. To change the figure, man is a bundle of songs without words; but the words are necessary to make the songs complete. The poet supplies the words. Relief is often acute in exact ratio to its inarticulateness. The great elegies of the world do not suggest new ideas about sorrow; they bring the balm of adequate expression to a grief as old as humanity.

No Only is sorrow mitigated by rhythmic expression, but joy is heightened. Illustrations are found in college songs, songs of patriotism, national hymns, songs of victory, and in every kind of hymns that fortify the feelings of gratitude or exultation.

Thus the ministry of expression is twofold; it diminishes all forms of grief, and heightens all grades of joy.

(3) The third and last ministry is the ministry of restitution. The poet touches the scenes, the events, the deeds, the characters of the dead past, and they live again.

The past is preserved in chronicles, but it lives in song and ballad. The historian can do little more than galvanize the past; the poet vitalizes it. Samuel Adams and Alexander Hamilton are not more widely known than Paul Revere. There is, it is true, an imperative need of more accurate histories for the South; but the South needs a Walter Scott as much as she needs a Gibbon or a Green.

The plain truth is that Massachusetts has given more to the world than any other State.

Later Mr. Pollard said he had no objection to the case being tried in the United States Circuit Court, as the Crouse Company is incorporated in New Jersey, and a verdict and judgment obtained in the Federal court would have a more far-reaching effect than in a State court.

"It means, in effect, that the Crouse Company has accepted service of the suit," said Mr. Pollard. "And that it will come into court. The company has already brought a claim against the city for balance on account. In the United States court, and an effort will be made to have both cases tried at the same time."

The suits will probably come to trial within the next eight or nine months.

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